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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Burton W. Hanson Examiner: James R. Brittain
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Dear Sir:

Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, it is respectfully requested that this application be accorded the benefits of Continued Examination.

Our check in the amount of \$395.00 is enclosed to cover the required fee for a small entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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